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428 West Main Street
Jefferson City
Cole County
Missouri

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Location: Rear 428 West Main Street
In Lot 61, Jefferson City, Missouri

Present Owner: City of Jefferson, Housing Authority

Present Occupant: Vacant

Present Use: Vacant

Statement ofSignificance:

The Hiram Holt House appears to be one of the earliest partially extant brick structures remaining in Jefferson City, Missouri. The date of construction is inconclusive (circa 1825 - 1867) although the Flemish Bond brick work suggests a date towards the early end of this range. The structure was identified by the Cole County Historic Society as the earliest known structure in Jefferson City during a preliminary evaluation of historic properties located within the Capitol West Project area. This evaluation was based on the brick bond only. The six over six windows suggest an early date for this area. The style is German Vernacular.

Date of Erection: Circa 1825 - 1867. This inconclusive date is based on the information recovered from land transfers as noted in the property abstract. The property was purchased by Hiram Holt from the State of Missouri in 1825 and was not transferred again until 1867. Property value changed from \$63 in 1825 to \$2,025 in 1867. Several small structures similar in size are shown in paintings and other illustrations of the area prior to 1867 and it is assumed that the building was constructed prior to this date.

Original and Subsequent Owners

The references to the chain of title to the land upon which the structure stands are in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Cole County Courthouse, Jefferson City, Missouri.

- 1825 Deed, May 12, 1825, recorded in Book 5, Page 532.
 State of Missouri to Hiram Holt.
- 1867 Sheriffs Deed, February 12, 1867, recorded in Book 8, Page 561.
 To Francis Rephlo.
- 1882 Deed, January 24, 1882, recorded in Book 10, Page 365.
 Dulle Estate to G. H. Dulle Milling Company.
- 1891 Deed, October 29, 1891, recorded in Book 15, Page 326.
 G. H. Dulle Milling Company to John Rodeman.
- 1901 Deed, November 18, 1901, recorded in Book 25, Page 283.
 John Rodeman to John A. Meyer.
- 1912 Deed, December 16, 1912, recorded in Book 59, Page 522.
 John A. Meyer to Anheuser Busch Brewing Association Corp.
- 1929 Deed, March 27, 1929, recorded in Book 72, Page 197.
 Anheuser Busch Brewing Association Corp. to John W. Riner.
- 1939 Deed, November 27, 1939, recorded in Book 93, Page 632.
 John and Elizabeth Riner to Scott L. Kelling.
- 1955 Deed, August 25, 1955, recorded in Book 142, Page 420.
 Scott L. Kelling to Glen G. Cady.
- 1980 Commissioner's Report: Recorded in Book 261, Page 981.
 Glen G. Cady to Housing Authority of Jefferson City, Missouri.

Architect: Unknown

Historical Narrative

Little is known about the history of the Hiram Holt House. The area in which the house is located, known as the "Millbottom", has been the focus of industrial, residential, commercial, transportation, and service oriented activities since the 1840's (Sturdevant et al. 1982). The area housed several mills from which is presumably derived its name. Structures immediately to the east and west of the Hiram Holt House included mills, saloons, apartments, restaurants, light and power companies, beer distributorships, as well as a host of other uses while the structure in question appears to have been a family residence from the time of its construction to at least 1923 (Sturdevant et al. 1982). Additions on the north and south of the Hiram Holt House (no dates) appear to have functioned in commercial activities as the property was owned by a milling company and then a beer company from 1882 until 1901. The last owner, Glen Cady, used the structure as part of his machine shop (Sturdevant et al 1982).

Architectural Information

The Hiram Holt House is a two-story structure which faces West Main Street; however, the lower level has been incorporated to form a section of Cady Machine Shop Building, hence the common name of the structure. The house has an east-west gable roof. An interior stove chimney straddles the ridge on the west end. A single story addition is located on the north end of the building.

From within the Hiram Holt House, the south walls of the first floor are visible. Flemish bond brick was used to construct these walls which are 13 inches thick. The rear addition walls appear to have regular common bond on the north. The side walls are less uniform; however, this may be the result of repairs over the years. Portion of the exterior wall are gone revealing the inner brick construction.

The south facade of the house shows the three bay arrangement. The entry was centered beneath a window. From the interior of the house, modifications are visible. The front door has been closed in and the front window on the west side has been cut into a door. Segmental arches created by radiating voussoirs of headers were used for trim. The upper level still has the original six over six windows.

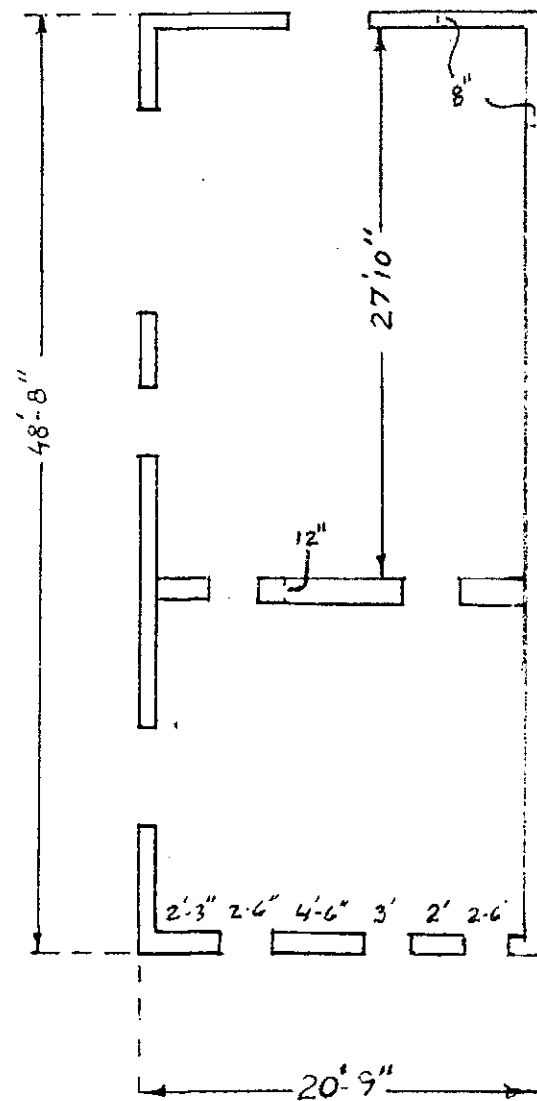
At the time of its construction, the house had one room on each floor. An exterior stairway connected the two levels. When the rear addition was built, a small structure was built to cover the top of the stairway. As it now appears, the stair cover has a pent roof and corrugated metal walls. A four panel door provides the entry to the upper area.

For fire protection, Mr. Cady, the last owner, covered the original wood floor with concrete. The addition was once used as a storage space for Lemp's Brewery which was located next door around the turn of the century. At that time a cinder floor was placed in the rear section.

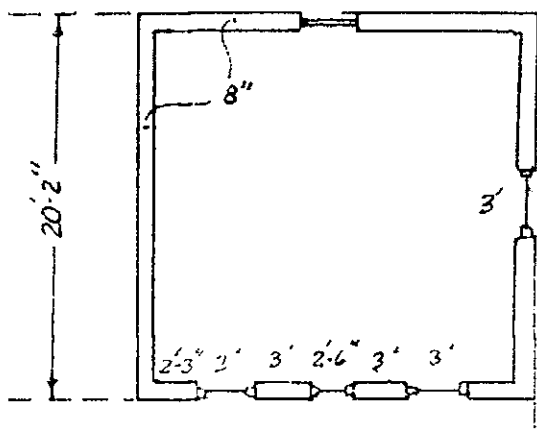
Various features of the house suggest 1850's or earlier **construction**. Use of Flemish bond brick has been attributed to early 19th century building practices (Denny 1981:5). The six over six window is also associated with the early to mid-1800's (Labine 1980:66). The lights are, however, rectangular rather than square, which are more characteristic of German building in the 1860's (Van Ravensway 1977:233). Mid-nineteenth century design is suggested by the floor plan. Denny (1981:8) classifies Missouri as "a region where the one room deep structure predominated down through the 1850's". Another feature of the house, noted by Denny as common during this period, is the style of the staircase:

The stair rises to a landing, turns 90°, crosses to the opposite wall where another flight ascends to the second floor (1981:11).

Although the Hiram Holt House staircase occupies minimal space, Denny's statement adequately describes its form.



GROUND FLOOR



SECOND FLOOR

PROJECT INFORMATION

The Hiram Holt House is scheduled for demolition during the summer of 1983 unless the structure is moved according to instructions set forth in a Memorandum of Agreement between the Advisory Council and HUD. This historical documentation was carried out by Environmental Research Center of Missouri, Inc. and the City of Jefferson Housing Authority and completed in May 1983. The land on which the Hiram Holt House is located is part of a parcel which is being transferred from the City of Jefferson to the State of Missouri. This project is a part of a larger Urban Renewal project in the City of Jefferson funded by HUD.

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